

Dear FCC Commissioners:

Today, I am writing the Commissioners to request that they leave in place the current ownership rules of media outlets. I have been in the media industry for 13 years and hold a Bachelors of Arts in Radio and Television. There are many implications that relaxing current ownership rules would have. The one that most concerns me is the reduction of employment in the media industry. In a time when our political and business leaders are trying to stimulate our economy, more media consolidation would lead to more unemployment and less consumer spending.

One thing I learned while studying the business side of media, is that regulation, is economic in nature. Therefore, with the sagging economy it would make sense to keep the current rules in place. Taking this notion one step further, I think the Commission should consider in the future, is to introduce new regulation, to reduce the amount of ownership. This would promote small business development in media and increase competition.

I currently live in San Diego where by current ownership rules and geographic boundaries with Mexico, allow one company to control the majority of radio stations. How does this foster competition in this current state? I urge the Commissioners to use history as a reference. When AT&T controlled the majority of the telephone service in the 1970 and early 1980's they were view as a monopoly. If you look at the state of media today there are many similarities.

There are other issues that make relaxing the current ownership rules harmful to our society such as very few wealthy corporations controlling the majority of American media and playing the role of agenda setters for the public. But this letter's focus is on jobs. Please remember that voting to relax the current media ownership rules will eliminate jobs in America. That is something our country cannot afford at this time or anytime.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

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